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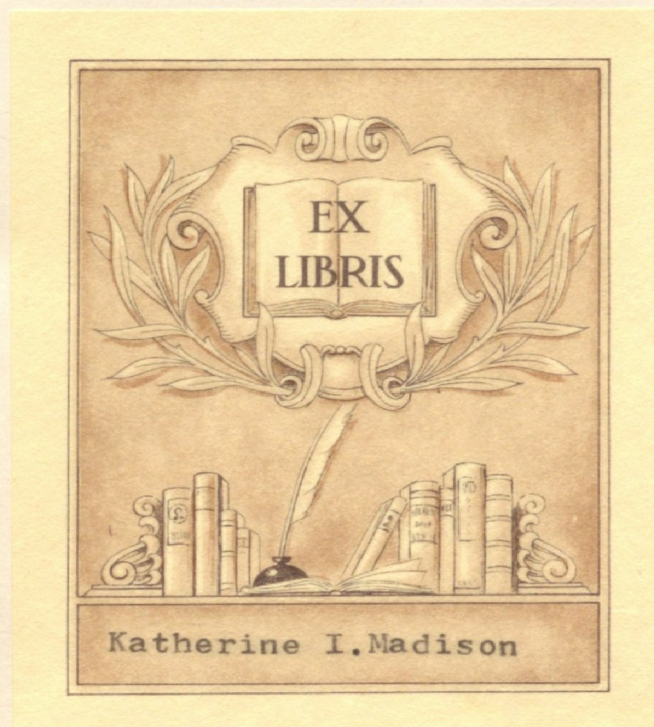
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THE
SESSIONAL RECORDS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SALEM,
PORTER COUNTY INDIANA.
ORGANIZED SEP 7, 1844.

THE ORGANIZATION

Horse Prairie, Sat. Sep. 7, 1844. 1 P.M.

Public notice having been previously given according to permission granted by the Lake Presbytery the following persons assembled at the house of Saml C. Beebe and presented to the Rev. G.C. Brown, the committee appointed by the Presbytery for this purpose. A letter of dismission from the Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso, to wit Mr. Ezra Reeve, Mr. John More. Mr. Charles Gregg & Mrs. Deborah Gregg, his wife, Mr. Samuel C. Beebe & Mrs. Currence Beebe, his wife, Mr. Augustine Humphrey & Mrs. Harriet A. Humphrey his wife, & Mr. Isaac Sweeny, and also Mrs. Mana Reeve a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They having declared their wish to be organized into a church of prayer, by Rev. I. C. Brown, constituted the Presbyterian Church of Salem, Porter County, Ind.

An election was then held for three Ruling Elders. The election resulted in the choice of Mr. Charles Gregg, Mr. Ezra Reeve & Mr. John Moore. Messrs Gregg & Reeve having signified their acceptance of the office to which they were elected, their ordination was appointed to take place on tomorrow (Sabbath) just before the administration of the Lord's Supper.

Sabbath, Sep. 8th Mr. Charles Gregg and Mr. Ezra Reeve were ordained to the office of Ruling Elder by the imposition of hands after which the church united in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Mr. Ezra Reeve was appointed Clerk of the Session and to attend the next Presbytery.

Mr. Moore for the present was not prepared to say that he would accept of the office to which he had been elected.

I. C. Brown Com. Presbytery

Mar. 23rd 1845

Mr. John Moore having declared his acceptance of the office of Ruling Elder in this church he was this day ordained by the imposition of hands & Prayer.

I. C. Brown
Moderator

Minutes

Church of Salem Porter Co.
Saturday Decr. 19. 1844

Session met after public worship and was opened
with prayer: Members all present.

Mrs. Jane M. Woodbridge presented a letter of
dismissal from the Church of Iowa City & requested to
be received into this church. Her request was granted.

Mr. George A. Woodbridge applied for church
privileges & session being satisfied in relation to the
work of grace with him, he was received into membership.

Adjourned with prayer by E. Reeve.

Ezra Reeve,

Clerk of Session.

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Church of Salem Porter Co.
Sabbath Dec 20 1844

Session met at the interval in public worship.

Mrs. Susan J. Gregg presented a letter from the
Presbyterian Church of Mecklenburgh N.Y. and requested
to be taken under the care of this church. Her request
was granted.

Mrs. Mary Sargeant applied for membership on
a profession of her faith. Session having counseled
with her in relation to the gracious work of God, with
which being satisfied her request was granted.

Concluded with prayer.

Ezra Reeve

Clerk of Session.

Session met at the call of the Moderator.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sweeney presented a letter of dismissal from the Associate Reformed Church of Bethlehem in this county. Mrs. Sweeney having formerly been a member of the Presbyterian church & her late connexion being temporary in character owing to her place of residence, her request was granted & admitted to membership with us.

Mr. Ezra Reeve was appointed to attend the next meeting of Lake Presbytery to be held at Valparaiso the 1st Wednesday of April at 2. P.M.

Adjourned with prayer.

Ezra Reeve
Clerk of Session.

Thus far examined and approved by Presbytery in Session at Valparaiso, April 3, 1845

W. K. Marshall Mod.
of Presbytery

At Presbytery in Session at Little Elkhart April 3, 1845

I. C. Brown. Mod.

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Salem, March 7 1847

Session met at the call of the Moderator. Opened with prayer. Present. Wm. Townley, Mod.
Charles Gregg)
Ezra Reeve (Elders.

Mrs. Catharine Souls, Mrs. Sarah Young, Lucy Ann Reeve, Abby Jane Reeve & Amanda Melvina Campbell presented themselves before Session, thereby requesting admission to the fellowship of the church. After an examination of their experimental & practical acquaintance with religion, their request was granted.--

Concluded with prayer

Wm Townley (Mod

Salem March 16: 1847

Session met at the call of the moderator. Opened with prayer --

Present Wm. Townley (Mod
Charles Gregg)
Ezra Reeve (Elders

Page 5. Mr. Silas Gregg, his wife Matilda, Chs Anson Gregg, Jno. D. Perkins, Lydia Sheffield, Catharine Cameron, Edwin Beebe, ~~Edy Ann Reeve~~ Henry A. Humphrey, George Woodbridge Humphrey, & Catharine Young appeared before session thereby requesting admission to the sealing ordinances of the church. After an examination of their experimental & practical acquaintance with religion their request was granted --

Concluded with prayer.

Wm. Townley.

Salem March 20th 1847

Session met at the call of the moderator. Opened with prayer. Present. Wm Humphrey (Mod.
Ezra Reeve Elder.

Robert Cameron, Alexander Young, Edmond Sheffield presented themselves before Session thereby requesting admission to the sealing ordinances of the Church. After an examination in reference their acquaintance with experimental & practical religion, their request was granted.

Mr. Anson Gregg was also received by certificate from the Presbyterian Church of Mecklenburgh N. York.

Concluded with prayer.

Wm Townley (Mod.

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Salem March 21: 1847

Session met at the call of the moderator. Opened with prayer. Mr. Robert Young appeared before session thereby requesting admission to the sealing ordinances of the church. After an examination as to his experimental & practical acquaintance with religion his request was granted.

Concluded with prayer.

Wm. Townley (Mod.

Thus far examined and approved by Pres. at Crown Point April 2, 1847 with the exception that the Mod. has acted both as Mod. and clerk which Pres. deem inexpedient & without a warrant from our constitution.

I. Greer, Mod.

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Salem April 19: 1847

Session met at the call of the moderator. Opened with prayer. Present. ~~Charles Gregg~~
Wm Townley Mod.
Charles Gregg)
Ezra Reeve (Elders.

Margaret Jane Campbell appeared before session thereby requesting admission to the fellowship of the church. After an examination as to her experimental and practical acquaintance with religion, her request was granted. The formal close by prayer was omitted & public service commenced.

Ezra Reeve Clerk.

Salem June 13 1847

Session met at the call of the moderator. Opened with prayer. Present.

Wm Townley (Mod
Charles Gregg)
Ezra Reeve (Elders.

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Josephus Gregg & his wife Severe presented themselves before the session of the church requesting admission to the fellowship of the church. After an examination of their experimental & practical acquaintance with religion their request was granted.

Concluded with prayer.

Ezra Reeve Clerk.

Octr. 4th

Salem ~~August 23rd~~ 1847

Previous notice having been given and a sermon preached upon the subject, the church met and by ballot elected Bro. Silas Gregg a ruling Elder of this church.

~~Oct 9th~~

Salem August 9th 1847

Previous notice having been given & a sermon preached in reference to the duties of ruling elder - Bro. Silas Gregg was chosen to the office of ruling elder; -- male & female members all participating in the election.

Octr. 3rd after sermon he was duly set apart to the office of Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Church of Salem, by prayer & the laying on of hands; -- after which he took his seat with Session.

Wm Townley: Mod.

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Salem Octr. 17th 1847,

Philo A. Porter & Elizabeth Porter his wife together with two of their daughters, Jane E. & Lavisa S. presented to the Moderator a letter of dismission & recommendation from the church of Valparaiso, & it being impracticable for the Session

to convene, individual consultation was had, when they were received informally and their names recorded upon the roll of members --

Mr. Townley, Mod

Salem Octr. 31st 1847

Session met at the call of the Moderator, between the public services on the Sabbath. Present -- Wm Townley, Mod. E. Reeve & S. Gregg Elders.

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Mr. Jno. B. Brewer presented a certificate of dismission & recommendation from the Church of Valparaiso, requesting connection with this church. -- This request was granted.

Bro. Jno. D. Perkins & His wife Lucy F. presented, through Bro. Woodbridge, a request for a letter of dismission & recommendation to a Presbyterian church in Milwaukie. W. Territory. This request was also granted.

Wm Townley. Mod.

Thus far examined and approved by the Presbytery of Lake at their meeting at Valparaiso April 18th 1848.

Benjamin Ogden
Modtr of Presby.

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Salem Aug 13th 1848

Session met at the call of the Moderator. Opened with prayer. Present. Wm Townley & Mod.

Charles Gregg)
Ezra Reeve ()
Silas Gregg) Elders.

After some conversation in reference to the state of the church, it was unanimously resolved that certain members should be visited & inquiry made as to the cause of the continued absence from the stated means of grace.

Bro Silas Gregg was appointed to visit Mr. Brewer & Mrs. Soles; -- Brothers Reeve & Silas Gregg to visit Mr. & Mrs. Porter & their daughters Jane & Lovisa, & Brothers Charles & Silas Gregg to visit Mrs. Reeve & her two children, Robert & Catharine.

These committes were directed to report at the next meeting. Adjourned to meet Aug 28th at 6 O'clock A.M.

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The moderator was requested to act as clerk of the Session.
Concluded with prayer.

Wm Townley Mod.

Salem Aug 28. 1848.

Session met agreeably to adjournment, Opened
with prayer.

Present. Wm Townley. Mod.

Charles Gregg.)

Ezra Reeve &) Elders.

Silas Gregg)

Bro. Silas Gregg, committee, reported that he had called upon Mr. Brewer who assigned some little misunderstanding in reference to certain remarks made at a church meeting last winter & sickness in his family as reasons for his frequent absence from the stated means of grace. These difficulties were now removed & he should endeavor to attend more constantly.

It was resolved that no farther action was called for.

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The same committee reported that Mrs. Soles gave as reason certain difficulties she had with the pastor and one of the elders. With the hope that these difficulties will soon be removed by an interview with the parties respectively it was resolved that no farther action be had at present.

Bros. Charles & Silas Gregg, the committee appointed to visit the family of Mr. Porter reported as follows;

Mrs. Porter had a great deal to say & complained that the Session had neglected to attend to these difficulties at an earlier day. She said she had nothing in particular against any one & she would endeavor to attend public service hereafter whenever practicable.

Miss Louisa Porter said she had nothing in particular against any one & not any charge against Mr. Townley as reasons for having absented herself from public worship. She added that she would endeavor to attend meetings for the future.

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Miss Jane Porter ~~said~~ refused to give any direct answer to the question in reference to her absenting herself from public service. Said the preaching did her no good but rather an injury. She would attend meeting when she couldn't help it.

Mr Porter was not seen by the committee; but subsequently handed in to the Session a paper, of which the following is a copy.

cc Having been called upon by Elder Reeve, one of the committee appointed to wait on us, for our reasons for neglecting to meet with the Ch. of Salem for worship, would respectfully state to the officers of said Church that it is well known that for months we have stood publicly charged before the Church, by Mrs. Humphry with the sin of lying, with regard to the letter that was sent to Mrs

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Perkins. And after offering testimony, that we think should be believed to prove our innocence. She still refuses to give us satisfaction, but justifies herself still, by inclining to disbelieve the witness; and while this state of things exists we cannot meet to worship with Mrs. Humphry, with that unity of feeling that shd. be felt by Christians, meeting to worship their God. We have therefore, from time to time, met with our Brethren of other branches of Christ's Church.

P. A. Porter
Jane E. Porter
Lavisa L. Porter

The committee appointed to visit Mrs. Reeve & her two children, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them. Mrs. R. said she had no charges to bring against Mr. Townley but that it had not, ordinarily, been convenient to attend.--

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Mr. Augustine Humphry presented the following paper wh. was read, vis.

"The undersigned would respectfully ask the Session of the Church of Salem to consider the following:

I do hereby charge Mr. Philo A. Porter, a member of this church, with unchristian conduct in reference to certain matters between my wife, Harriet & Mrs. Lucy Perkins.

Specification I charge that sometime during the summer of 1847 (about the month of June, according to recollection, he, Mr. Porter, took up, made & circulated false reports, charging my wife, among other things, with the sin of lying; all calculated to injure her Christian character and standing; and this without ever coming to converse with her, as he was in duty bound. These report were such that her pastor

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deemed it necessary to apprise her of them, & to urge her to attend to it without delay.

SPECification II I charge him with unchristian conduct in continuing to speak of these things to her injury after he was apprised that the remarks of my wife were probably well founded.

Specification III I charge him with unchristian conduct in denying that he had any knowledge what ever of a certain letter having been written to Mr Perkins, when the letter was written under his own roof, by one resident in his family, & taken with one or two other to the Post Office in Valparaiso; & when too he had said to the writer of it previously that she Mrs. Perkins, ought to be notified upon the subject.

Witnesses. Robert Cameron, Catharine M Cameron, Jane E. Porter. Lavisa S. Porter, Esra Reeve, Mr. Charles Gregg,

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Silas Gregg & wife, Robert Young, Rev. Wm. Townley, Harriet Humphry, Henry A. Humphry. Benjamin A. Sole and wife.

Augustine Humphry

Winfield Sept. 1848

On motion it was resolved that the session take up & issue the case & that it be attended to on Friday the 15th of Sept. next at 9 o'clock A.M.

Resolved, the moderator requesting it, that he may invite the Rev. I C. Brown to moderate the session on that occasion; & that he also ask the session of the Church of Valparaiso to sit in correspondence.

Resolved that the moderator and clerk make out & serve the citations as soon as practicable.

Adjourned to meet on Friday 15th next at 9 O'clock A.M.
Concluded with prayer,

Wm Townley Mod

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Salem Sept--15th 1848

Session met agreeable to adjournment and was opened with prayer. Present Rev. I. C. Brown by invitation, as moderator.

Rev Wm Townley.
and Charles Gregg)
Esra Reeves) Elders.
Silas Gregg)

The minutes of the last meeting were read and & improved.

The session proceeded to take up the case specified for trial at this meeting. The parties being asked if they were prepared for trial. Mr. Humphrey replied he was not for the reason that one of his witnesses was not present. After some remarks - a motion was made that session stay farther proceedings until afternoon with the hope that the parties might be brought together by compromise.

Session then had recess until afternoon. After recess the following paper drawn up by the moderator & signed

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by the parties respectively & severally, including their families, was read and ~~understood to be~~ publicly assented to before a large congregation present vis.

Declaration of Mr. P.A. Porter and family and Mrs. H. Humphry

It is generally known that for sometime past an unpleasant misunderstanding has existed between the undersigned.

We hereby - declare that this day we have come to a full explanation, and that there may be no misapprehension in relation to this whole matter before this community & to relieve the minds of all from every wrong impression, we do, in good faith, make the following declaration, vis

I, P. A. Porter, do declare before the Searcher of hearts that I have not intended to call in question the

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veracity of Mrs. Humphry.

And we, P. A. Porter, Elisabeth Porter, J. E. Porter and Lavisia S. Porter do with equal solemnity declare that we had no knowledge whatever of the writing of a certain letter to Mrs. Lucy Perkins, and which has caused so much difficulty among us. Although written under our roof it was wholly without our knowledge & responsibility. And I, Harriet A. Humphry do, with the same solemn appeal, declare that I do receive these declarations of Mr. Porter and his family in good faith, as true; and that I am grieved that upon a former occasion when they declared their innocence I expressed my dissatisfaction with their disavowal of the authorship of said letter.

And we do all hereby declare our utter grief that we have given occasion of offence to the world, and have

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grived away the Holy Spirit. And since we do farther declare before Almighty God, that as Christians, for his honor, we will not in future give utterance to any uncharitable reflections nor will we listen to any one who would attempt to sow discord among brethern.

Hickory Point
Sept. 15. 1848

P. A. Porter
E. Porter
H. A. Humphry
E. J. Porter
L. Porter

A true copy.
Attest

Wm Townley
acting as clerk.

Thus far examined & approved by Presbytery during its sessions at Sumptons Prairie April 12. 1849

F. P. Cummins
Mod of Presbytery.

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Salem, July 22nd 1849

Session met agreeable to Request.

Present

L. C. Brown Mod.
Charles Gregg)
Silas Gregg) Elders
Esra Reeve)

Brother Anson Gregg came before the Session requesting a letter of Recommendation from the Church of Salem to the Church of Valparaiso for himself, his wife Susana L. Gregg also his son Charles A. Gregg.

His request was granted. Session closed by Prayer

Esra Reeve

Clerk

Salem August, 9th 1849

After the Celebration of the Lords Supper administered by Rev. L. C. Brown.

Session met agreeable to Request

Present

L. C. Brown Mod.

Charles Gregg)
Silas Gregg) Elders
Esra Reeve)

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A request came before the Session from Augustus Humphry requesting a letter from this church to unite

with the Church at Crown Point. A letter for himself Harriet A. Humphry, his wife. Henry Humphry and G. W. Humphry his two Sons. his request was granted.

Session closed by Prayer

Ezra Reeve

Clerk

Salem Feb. 23 1850

Session met at the call of Rev J. C. Brown
Members present were,

J. C. Brown Mod.

Charles Gregg)

Ezra Reeve) Elders.

Mrs. Elisabeth Campbell applied for Church privilege
Session having conversed with her in relation to the work
of grace upon her heart received her into membership.

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Mrs. Campbell never having been baptized, this ordinance
will be administered on tomorrow immediately before the
Celebration of the Lords Supper.

Closed with Prayer.

Ezra Reeve

Clk. of Session.

Minutes thus far were examined and approved by Presbytery,
Crown Point April 1850

Mr. Townley - Mod.

Salem Dec., 1849

Rev. L. C. Brown presented a Certification to the Session
of Salem Church from Mrs. Sarah M. James (not sure of name)
Dated Mills ton N.J. April 16 1849

Requesting membership into said Church. She was Received.

Ezra Reeve Clk of Sess.

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Salem Oct 20th 1850

Session met at the call of Rev J. C. Brown

Members present. J. C. Brown. Mod.

Silas Gregg) Elders

Ezra Reeve)

Miss Sophionia M. Lakins came before the Session and
presented a letter from the Congregational Church of Clear
Creek, Requesting to be received into membership with the
Church of Salem. her Request was granted. Also Mrs. Polly
Hill presented a certificate from the Presbyterian Church of
Butler requesting to be received into membership. her Request
was granted. Closed by Prayer

Ezra Reeve Clk of Session.

Salem, Ind Feb 8- 1851

Session met at the call of Moderator

Members present.

Rev. J. C. Brown Mod.

Ezra Reeve) Elders

Silas Gregg)

Mr. John J. Fisher appeared before Session and requested to be received into this Church. After conversation with him in relation to his practical acquaintance with religion he was received.

Closed with prayer.

Ezra Reeve

Clk of Session.

Salem Ind. Feb 8 1851

Session met after the evening service at the call of the Moderator. Members present as at the afternoon Session

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Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher and Miss Nancy Schrull appeared before the Session and applied for church privileges.

Session being satisfied with their evidence of the work of Grace they were received into the communion of the church.

Closed with prayer

Ezra Reeve.

Clk of Session.

Salem, Ind. Feb 9th 1851

Session convened at the interval of public worship at the request of the Moderator. Members present were

Rev. J. C. Brown

Ezra Reeve

Silas Gregg) Elders

A certificate of the membership of Mr. Gideon Brecourt & Mrs. Jane Brecourt, his wife and Miss Sarah Jane Brecourt

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their daughter in the church of Monticello Ind and dismissing them in good standing, was laid before Session.

At their request they were received into the communion of this Church.

Circumstances precluded from closing with prayer.

Ezra Reeve Clk of Session.

Thus far examined & approved in Presbytery at it's
session in Little Elkhart April 12th 1851

Benjamin Ogden Modtr.

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Salem Nov 28th 1852

Session convened at the call of the moderator.

Members present. Rev. Benjamin Ogden Mod.

Silas Gregg) Elders

Ezra Reeve)

Mr. Ananias Freeman presented a certificate of membership
from the Congregational Church of Michigan City from the
the recommendation of Said Certificate and his own request
was received into the Fellowship of the Church of Salem.

Ezra Reeve

Clerk of Session.

Thus far accepted & improved this 9th April 1853.

F. P. Cummins Mod.

Constantine.

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Salem Ind Dec 10 1853

Session met after public service at the call of
Moderator. Members present.

Rev. J. C. Brown Mod.

Ezra Reeve) Elders

Silas Gregg)

Mrs. Christina Russel, Mr. Jeremy Hixon & Mrs. Almira
Hixon his wife presented letters of dismission from the
Church of Valparaiso and requested to be received into
the communion of this church. Their request was granted.

Closed with prayer by Bro. Gregg.

Ezra Reeve

Clerk of Session

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Salem

1853

Session met at the call of the Moderator. Members
present.

Rev. J. C. Brown. Mod.

Ezra Reeve) Elders

Silas Gregg) a

Mr. G. A. Woodbridge requested dismission for him-
self and wife Mrs. Jane Woodbridge to unite with the
Church of Crown point. Their request was granted and
letters were ordered.

Closed with Prayer. Ezra Reeve, Clerk of Session.

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Salem February 7th 1854

Session met at the call of the Moderator

Members present. Rev. J. C. Brown Mod.

Ezra Reeve.) Elders

Silas Gregg)

Came before the Session. Mrs. Christina Gurnsey. Mrs. Elvira Sheffield, Mrs Deborah A. Hollett Miss Harriet M. Reeve, Miss Vashti Hixon, Mr. Newton Campbell. Mr. Lacount Lambert.

After giving a satisfactory evidence of the work of grace in the hart they were received by Session into communion and fellowship of the Church. Closed with prayer.

Ezra Reeve. Clerk of Session.

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Salem Dec. 30th 1853

Session called by Moderator.

Rev. J. C. Brown Mod.

Ezra Reeve) Elders

Silas Gregg)

Mr. Alexander Young made application by letter to the Session of Salem Church for a letter to unite with the Church of Nevada City California, his Request was granted.

Ezra Reeve, Clerk of Session

Salem Feb. 21st 1854

Session called by Moderator

Rev. J. C. Brown Mod.

Ezra Reeve) Elders

Silas Gregg)

Mr. Phi. Albert Porter requested a dismissal for himself and wife Mrs. Elizabeth Porter, also Mr. R.A. Cameron

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and his wife Jane E. Cameronto unite with the Church of Valparaiso. Their request was granted and letters were ordered. Closed with prayer.

Ezra Reeve. Clerk of Session.

In Presbytery at Goshen April 8th 1854 examined and approved thus far.

Wm. Eaton Mod.

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Salem Indiana. August 19 1854

Session met at the close of public worship and was opened with prayer. Members present were

Rev. J. C. Brown Mod.

Ezra Reeve) Elders

Silas Gregg)

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Mr. Daniel Gerber presented a letter from the German Reformed Church of Penna and asked to be received by us. His request was granted.

Closed with Prayer.

Ezra Reeve, Clerk of Sess.

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Salem Indiana. Jan 16 1855

Session met at the close of service and was opened with prayer. Members present were. Rev. J. C. Brown Mod.
Silas Gregg.

Absent in New York, Ezra Reeve.

Miss Currence Cameron and Miss Mary Guernsey presented their selves for membership. Session was satisfied with their account of the work of the Spirit of God upon their hearts they were received. Not having been baptized this sacrament will be administered to them this evening just before the Sacrament of the Supper.

Closed with prayer.

J. C. Brown.

Clk of Sess. P.S.

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Salem Indiana. April 6. 1855

Session met after public worship and was opened with prayer by E. Reeve. Members present were.

Rev. J. C. Brown Mod.

Ezra Reeve, Elder

Absent Silas Gregg- Sick.

Misses Helen Sophia Beebe, Caroline Carmen & Elizabeth Fisher, John Nevins Thompson, Thomas Josiah Hollet and Ashel Gregg Carmen came before the Session for membership. After a careful examination respecting their practical acquaintance with religion they were received.

Miss Carmen, Mr. Hollet & Mr Carmen never having been baptized this sacrament will be administered to them this evening before the administration of the Lord's Supper.

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Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

Ezra Reeve. Clerk of Session.

Thus far examined & approved in Presbytery at Elkhart April 14 1855

Wm Townley Mod.

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Church of Salem Ind April 23rd 1856.

Session met and was opened with prayer.

Present. Ezra Reeve

Silas Gregg.

By invitation the Rev. H. Foot Moderator of the Session.

Mr. Mackay presented a letter from the Presbyterian Church of Belfountain & requested to be received into the communion of the Church. His request was granted.

Mrs. Mackey his wife applied for membership. Her examination being satisfactory ~~her~~ she was received.

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Closed with prayer.

Ezra Reeve. Clk. of Session.

Church of Salem. March 31st 1857

The session met and was opened with prayer.

Members present were. Ezra Reeve.

Silas Gregg

Rev. J. N. Shultz was invited to moderate the Session.

Mrs. Eliza McAlpin was received as a member on certificate from the 2nd Church of Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Rebecca Gerber was received on certificate from the German Reformed Church of York Pa.

Mr. Wm McAlpine & his daughter Miss Jeannie McAlpine

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Were received upon a profession of faith in Christ.

Closed with prayer.

Ezra Reeve, Clk. of Session

Thus far examined and approved by Presbytery in Session at Constantine, April 4th 1857

J. C. Brown, Moderator

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Salem. Sept. 27 1857

At the close of Preparatory lecture the Session was called by the Moderator. Members present.

Rev. J. N. Shultz Mod.

Silas Gregg)

Ezra Reeve)

No business being before Session the Session was closed by prayer.

Ezra Reeve. Clerk of Session.

Session met at the close of Preparatory lecture December 19th. Present.

Rev. J. N. Schultz Moderator.

Ezra Reeve Elder

Mr. Alexander Cummings and Emily his wife were received as members by certificates from the Presbyterian Church of Frankfort Pa. (Thomas Murphy Pastor)

Ezra Reeve. Clerk

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Salem March 27th 1858

At the close of Preparatory lecture the Session was called to order by the Moderator. Rev. J. N. Shultz.

Present. Ezra Reeve Eld.

No business before the Session.

On Sabbath 28th Session called E. Reeve chosen to attend Presbytery at Valparaiso April 2nd 1858 Session closed by Prayer.

E. Reeve Clerk

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Approved in Presbytery at Valparaiso April 5th 1858

John Steele

Moderator.

Salem June 11 1858

At the close of preparatory lecture the Session was called by the Moderator.

Present J. N. Shultz. Mod.

E. Reeve. Eld.

No business before the Session. Closed by prayer.

Ezra Reeve,

Clerk of Session

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Session met at the close Preparatory lecture Sept 11th 1858. Present Rev. J. N. Shultz Mod.

Ezra Reeve Eld.

On motion Silas Gregg was appointed to attend the meeting of Presbytery at Rolling Prairie and Synod at Logansport. E. Reeve his alternate.

Closed by prayer. E. Reeve Clerk.

Session met at the house of Elder Reeve, March 12th 1859

All the members present. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator

Silas Gregg was appointed delegate to Presbytery to convene in Goshen April 1st and Ezra Reeve his alternate.

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A meeting of the Church and congregation to consider and act upon arrangements for preaching the coming year and any other church matters was appointed March 21st in the meeting house 2:00 P.M.

This meeting of Session was convened immediately after preparatory lecture.

Closed with prayer by S. Gregg.

Ezra Reeve. Clerk of Session.

Thus far examined and approved by Presbytery at Goshen
April 1st 1859.

J. C. Brown, Moderator.

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The Presbytery of Lake calls the special attention of the Church of Salem to the following resolution paper at its meeting the day at Goshen and ordered to be entered upon the records of each church Viz--

Resolved that it be enjoined upon each church of the Presbytery to send up to the Presbytery at its meeting next spring a written report of Settlement with the Minister.

Goshen Ind.
April 2 1859

J. C. Brown
Moderator.

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Salem Porter Co. Indiana
Dec. 30th 1859

The Pby. of Lake at a called meeting at Crown Point Dec 22nd for the purpose of Ordaining & installing Mr. J. Laney Lower Licentiate of Huntington Pby. Pa. Appointed Dr J. C. Brown a committee to instal Mr. Lower, at Salem Ch. that he might ~~become~~ by accepting the call and by order of Pby, become the Pastor of the two Churches.

At 2 O clock P.M.

Dr. Brown preached the installation sermon from Ps 126. 6 and then delivered the charges first to the Pastor, then to the Congregation. The services were interesting and profitable but should have been of peculiar interest to Pastor and people, because his first charge & their first regularly Installed Pastor.

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The design was to hold a series of meetings in the Ch and have the Communion on the Sab. Jan 1st but owing to the religious interest at Crown Point, the meetings were postponed one week.

The meetings therefore began on Friday night Jan 6th 1860 and continued until the 12th.

The meetings were well attended. There were no additions to the Church except four children baptized and received as members of the visible Church in covenant.

No very special interest was manifested during the meetings save that many of the Ch. members were quite revived & strove to remove all stumbling blocks out of the

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way. So that the Ch. might receive a refreshing from the presence of the Lord, such as the Ch. at Crown Point experienced.

It is the hope and the prayer of Pastor and people
that the new relation which has just been entered into
and ratified by the Pby may be sanctified by the spirit
of God, that much good may be done in the name of the
Lord, in adding unto the Ch. many who shall be saved

May they that Jesus, whom they preach,
Their own Redeemer see;
And watch thou daily oer their souls
That they may watch for Thee.

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Minutes

Salem Jan 21st 1860

The Session met at the call of the Moderator & was
constituted with prayer by the Mod.

Present. J. L. Lower Mod.
Ezra Reeve) Elders
Silas Gregg)

The Session took into consideration the cases of
delinquent members and especially the case of one who had
been requested to meet with us, but did not present
himself. The Session then appointed the Pastor and Mr.
Gregg to visit him and some others named & report as soon
as possible.

The Session then talked about electing another Elder--
Only one person was named as suitable, but no immediate
action was taken.

Session adjourned. J. L. Lower Mod.

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Salem March 31st 1860

The Session met and was opened with prayer, as well
as singing a hymn.

Present J. L. Lower Mod.
Ezra Reeve) Elders
Silas Gregg)

The object of the meeting was to receive members
into the church by certificate on examination. Fifteen
were examined and gave full satisfaction, and accordingly
were received into membership.

Mr. Daniel M. Bergan was first examined as to his
piety & faith & having been a Bible reader was able to
give a reason of the hope that was in him.

Mr. Thomas A. Hollet, an aged man about 60 (cannot
determine if it is 60 or 80), then presented himself, with
much feeling, answered all the questions proposed & said

he was willing to try to do all his Christian duties, but that it would be hard for a man of his age & never in the habit of doing those things, to perform them, gave every evidence of change of heart. Has already erected the family altar & has prayed in public. He is certainly a miracle of grace.

His son John ? Hollet sustained his examination on religious experience & doctrine well He being a bible reader & trained up in the ch. seemed to have no difficulties respecting the Bible or it's doctrines. Has also taken part in the Converts prayer meeting.

Orlando R. Beebe a youth of about 16 was examined closely as were all the others, and as he had long been

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a Sabbath School Scholar he answered the questions well He was questioned as to his desire to preach the Gospel he said he had. We hope that God has called him out of the world for this very purpose.

John F. Campbell another youth of about 18 & child of the ch. having given full satisfaction was also received.

Mr. Charles Stewart whose parents are members of the United Pby Ch. of Main presented himself for membership. He is not a proselyte for he came voluntarily & being of age had a right to speak for himself. His evidence was clear & satisfactory. He was also a S.S. scholar, & has taken part in the Converts P. meeting.

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Mr. Daniel Gilchrest and his wife Sarah J. Gilchrest were examined & answered well. Have erected the family altar. Having a little Son they were particularly examined respecting infant Baptism -- allright.

George C. Gregg a child of the Ch. aged about 12 gave us the highest gratification as well as satisfaction. He is a child in years, but quite a youth in knowledge, We see in his case the advantage of early religious training. He knows the Bible well also the catechism.

Pg.60 B. Mrs. Stella M-Collon who ~~was~~ ~~been~~ was converted about 5 years ago, but not having confessed Christ had got into deep waters & dark places. Universalism had made some inroads in her mind & hence we had to help her. to get rid of those erroneous ideas. She was troubled some what about the doctrines of election & future punishment, but she expressed herself satisfied with our explanation, & willing to believe the Bible even tho she cannot comprehend all it's mysteries. She will have her children Baptized.

B. Mrs. Electa A. Hughes was examined & gave full evidence of her regeneration, and expressed her willingness and preference for our Church. Her early education

was under the system of Universalism, & consequently she had erroneous views of the justice of God & future punishment. She was satisfied with our explanation of the doctrine. She will be baptized & will also have her children baptized.

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B. Miss Mary A Hollet a child of the Church & daughter of the aged gentleman who united was examined upon experimental religion & the ordinary doctrines of the Bible as we hold them. She had no doubts or difficulties respecting the doctrines.

B. Mrs. Lydia R. Mutchler the youngest daughter of one of the oldest members of the church answered all the questions satisfactorily. She said she had had some difficulties in her mind on the subject of infant bap.-- but the remarks made on the subject had changed her mind. She will be baptized and will have her children baptized. She has been the subject of many prayers and much weeping by her parents.

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B. Miss Margaret Thatcher who had been brought up in the Methodist Church, but being converted during the revival in our Church preferred joining us. She gives us good evidence of conversion but not being able to read is necessarily not as well versed in the truth as many others. We hope and pray that she may prove faithful.

B. Miss Alice A. Stock, tho much embarrassed gave us satisfaction respecting her conversion & true piety. She is not very instructed in the S.S. partly owing to want of talent & partly to unfavorable circumstances.

All the names marked with B -- are to be baptized.

Ezra Reeve Clerk

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Thus far examined and approved by Presbytery in Session at South Bend Ind April 9 1860

F. P. Cummins

Moderator

Salem April 28th 1860

The Session met after preparatory lecture and was opened with prayer.

Present J. L. Lower. Mod.

Ezra Reeve) Elders

Silas Gregg)

Received on examination Mr. Anos A Burwell and his wife Mrs. Rebecca Burwell. Having given satisfactory evidence were received to the privileges of the Ch. Mrs. B. to be baptized.

Ezra Reeve Clerk

Salem Feb. 19th - 1860

After public worship the session was called
by the Moderator

Present: J L Lower Mod.
Silas Gregg)
Ezra Reeve) Elders

By request John Fisher came before the Session
to give reasons for absenting himself from the Ordin-
ances of the Church, his reasons were sustained,
He was also called upon to give his reasons for fre-
quenting the dram shops and pertaking of the liquor
sold therein. His reasons were not sustained, by
admonition and reproof from the session he seemed to
see his error and confessed his falts

Meeting closed by Prayer
Ezra Reeve
Clerk of Session

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Salem June 23rd 1860

The Session by the call of the moderator / met and was opened by prayer.

Present. J. L. Lower, Modr.

Ezra Reeve) Eld.

Asail Carnon)

Resolved on motion that the visiting comunity of the diferant districts within our bounds. No. 1 No. 2 No. 3 No. 4 should report to the next meeting of Session.

Resolved also that the visiting comunity be required to ascertain the cause of any delinquent member from absenting themselves from the ordinances of the church and report the same. Resolved also that E. Reeve be a comunity to visit Edwin Beebe & L. F Hollet who are living out of the bounds of the church and report the same at the next meeting of the Session. Resolved that the minutes of the last Session be read by the Clerk of the next meeting.

Ezra Reeve Clerk.

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Salem July 14th 1860

Session met and was opened with prayer.

Present. J. L. Lower - Mod.

Silas Gregg)

Asahelby Carnon) Elders

William Mackey)

Ezra Reeve)

Mr. Gideon Bucourt and wife presented their letter from the Church of Valparaiso and was received. The minutes of the last Session was called for and read and approved. E. Reeve was called on as a special committee to report. Report was received in part, to be continued and report at the next meeting.

The visiting committee was called upon to report. Was received with much interest.

Sabbath morning July 15th Mrs. Nancy Tanihill came before the Session and was received on her examination

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of her faith in Christ. Session closed by Prayer.

E. Reeve Clerk.

Salem August 25th 1860

Session met according to previous notice. Opened by prayer. Present. J. L. Lower Mod.

Silas Gregg)

William Mackey) Elders

Ezra Reeve)

Minutes of the last meeting read - approved. E. Reeve caled upon as a comunity to report in the case of E. R. Beebe.

Report approved. Comitty discharged. Resolved that the Clerk cite E. R. Beebe to appear before the Session at there next meeting. Resolved that the visiting comitty J. L. Lower & E. Reeve call on Mrs. Williams & Mrs. McGoy. Resolved also that J. L. Lower be commisssioned to call on Mrs. Elizabeth Williams to give an account of themselves for absenting themselves from Church.

E. Reeve Clerk.

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Salem Oct 6 1860

Session met according to previous notice. opened by prayer. Present J. L. Lower Mod.

Silas Gregg)

A. G. Carmon) Elders

Ezra Reeve)

Minutes of the last meeting read & approved, the visiting committee reported, report approved.

Resolved that the Clerk of Session cite E. R. Beebe to appear before the Session at there next meeting.

Closed by Prayer.

E. Reeve Clerk

Salem Oct 27/60

Session meet opened by Prayer. Present

J. L. Lower Mod.

A. J. Carmon) Elders

E. Reeve)

After the minutes of the last meeting was read it was moved and resolved that E. R. Beebe be suspended

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from Church priveleges and this anouncement be maid public according to our book of discipline. Resolved also that the members of this Church who live in the vicinity of Hebron shall have the privelege of uniting in an organization of a Church which is to take place Monday, Oct 29 1860. Resolved that the Clerk cite Mr. J. Fisher to appear before the Session at there next meeting.

E. Reeve Clerk.

Salem May 4th 1861

Session met & was opened by Prayer.

Present J. L. Lower Mod.

S. Gregg)

Ash: G. Carmon).

Mrs. Heln S.? Thompson was dismissed to unite with the Church of Valparaiso, No further business. Session adjourned to meet May 6th at 3 P.M. E. Reeve Clerk

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Thus far examined and approved in Presbytery in Session at Valparaiso 9 April 1861

R. S. Goodman Mod.

Salem May 12th 1861

Session met was opened by prayer

Present. J. L. Lower Mod.
Ezra Reeve)
Ash. G. Carmon) Eld.
S. Gregg)

Mr. Ezfa & Mrs. Maria G Reeve was dismissed to unite with the Preby Church of Valparaiso. Ash. G. Carmon was elected Clerk of the Session. Session adjourned.

Ash. G. Carmon, Clerk.

Salem May 16th 1864

Session met opened by prayer

Present H. A. Humphry Mod.
S. Gregg) Eld.
A. G. Carmon)

Mr. H. A. Nichols & wife Mrs. Phoebe Nichols presented themselves for admission in the Church by examination.

A. G. Carmon, Cl. of Sess.

Examined and approved at Sess of Presby held at Valparaiso April 8th 1864

Salem Feb 18th 1865

Session met -- was opened with prayer. Members present.
R. C. McKinney Mod.
Silas Gregg Elder

Mr. Henry Boyle, Mrs. Margaret Ann Boyle, Mr. John Boyle and Mrs. Fanny Campbell were on profession of faith admitted to membership in the Church.

Closed with prayer.

R. C. McKinney Mod.

Salem May 27th -65

Session met. --- was opened with prayer.
Members present,

R. C. McKinney Mod.
Silas Gregg) Elders
Ezra Reeve)

Mrs. Nancy Dunn was on prfession of faith admitted to membership. The following were likewise received:

Mrs. Martha Wood by letter from the Church of Valparaiso:

Mr. Charles S Humphrey from the Church of Crown Point
and Mrs. Phoebe E. Humphrey from the Methodist Ch.
North Ohio Conference.

Closed with prayer.

R.C. McKinney

Salem April 1st 1866.

Session met. was opened with prayer. Members
present,

R. C. McKinney Mod.
S Gregg)
E. Sheffield) Elders.
J. Ø Gregg)

Mr. E. Sheffield was appointed to attend the meeting
of Prebytery. Mr. S. Gregg was chosen. Clerk of Session.
Closed with prayer.

R. C. McKinney.

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Salem April 2nd 1866

Session met -- was opened with prayer.
Members present,

R. C. McKinney Mod.
J. Ø Gregg)
E. Sheffield) Elders.
S. Gregg)

After some general consultation regarding the interests
of the Church, adjourned.

Closed with prayer.

R. C. McKinney Mod.

Salem July 8th 1866

Session met was opened with prayer.
Members present

R. C. McKinney Mod.
S. Gregg)
E. Sheffield) Elders
J. Gregg)

Mr. Charles Bell and Catharine his wife presenting
a certificate from Georgetown Pres. Church Mercer Co., Pa,
were received into the Church.

Closed with Prayer.

R. C. McKinney Mod.

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Salem Sept 30th -- 66

Session met -- was opened with prayer.
Members present.

R. C. McKinney Mod.
S. Gregg)
E. Sheffield) Elders
J. / Ø. Gregg) (Note: J. Gregg is

correct - writing not plain.)

After some general consultation, adjourned.

Closed with prayer.

R.C. McKinney Mod.

Salem Indiana, Nov 20th 1870

Session met before sermon and was opened with prayer.
By the Moderator, Rev - Mr. Bur.
Members present.

E. Sheffield)
J. Gregg) Elders
S. Gregg)

Mrs. Matilda A. Campbell came before the session for membership after a careful examination respecting her practical acquaintance with religion. She was received.

Silas Gregg, Clerk of Session.

Session was not closed with prayer as it was out door and cold, the house being full and waiting.

Salem January 6th 1872

Received into the Church of Salem, Augustine Humphrey by the unanimous voice of the Session.

Jan 6. 1872

Session met — was opened with prayer.

Members present - Rev. Spencer Baker Mod.
Edmond Sheffield)
Josephus Gregg) Elders
Silas Gregg)

Closed with prayer.

Silas Gregg, Clerk.

At the house of Josephus Gregg Session met and was opened with prayer.

Present. Rev. Spencer Baker Mod.
Edmond Sheffield)
Josephus Gregg) Elders
Augustine Humphrey)

Session appointed Augustine Humphrey to represent the Church of Salem at Presbytery at its next meeting at Valparaiso, April 8th 1873. Closed with prayer.

Silas Gregg, Clerk of Session.

The Presbyterian Church and congregation of Salem met, pursuant to Public notice at the residence of Josephus Gregg and was organized by calling Josephus Gregg to the chair and appointing Spencer Baker Secty. of the meeting. The object of the meeting being stated proceeded to the election of a Deacon to serve the interest of the Church and Congregation.

John Campbell on motion was duly elected to the Office of Deacon.

On motion Mr. Augustine Humphrey be invited to assume the active duties of his Office as an Elder in this Church unanimously carried.

Minutes read and approved. Meeting adjourned.
Salem March 28, 1873

Spencer Baker secy.

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Thus far examined & approved in Presbytery Apr 9, 1873
MaB Smith Moderator.

Salem Church May 31 1873

Preparatory Lecture.

Session met. Present

Augustine Humphrey)
Edmond Sheffield) Elders
Josephus Gregg)

and was opened with prayer.

Spencer Baker Moderator.

George Kenworthy being present having applied for admission to the Church was examined as to his knowledge of the Scriptures and religious experience and admitted on Profession of his faith. Closed with Prayer.

Sabbath June 1st. Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered by Rev. Spencer Baker.

Silas Gregg Clk. Session.

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Salem June 15th /73

Session met was opened with Prayer by Rev Spencer Baker Moderator. Present.

Edmond Sheffield)
Augustine Humphrey) Elders.
Josephus Gregg)

Taylor Atwell and his wife Sarah Atwell having applied for admission to the Church was examined and admitted on Profession of their faith. at the next Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Silas Gregg Clk. Session

Taylor Atwell and his wife Sarah Atwell admitted to Communion. September 6/73

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September 6/73

Pursuant to the call of the moderator the Session met in the Church after the Preparatory Lecture and was opened with Prayer. Present.

Rev. S. Baker, Moderator

Mr. E. Sheffield)

A. Humphrey)

J. Gregg)

S. Gregg) Elders.

Mrs. Caroline E. Hipsley presented her certificate of dismission and recommendation fro the Presbyterian Church

in Crown Point this Presbytery and requested that she might be admitted to the membership of this Church.

The Certificate was found to be in Order and the request of Mrs. Hipsley was granted.

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After some Resolutions past respecting our Donations to the different Boards of the Church, Session closed with Prayer.

S. Gregg, Clk.

Salem April 18/74

Session met after Preparatory Lecture. Was opened with Prayer. Members Present. Rev. S. Baker Moderator
E. Sheffield)

J. Gregg) Elders
S. Gregg)

After some resolutions respecting Donations for the year, Session closed with prayer.

S. Gregg. Clk.

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Salem August 22/75

Session met. Was opened with Prayer. Present.

Rev. S. Baker Mod

Edmond Sheffield

Josephus Gregg.

Silas Gregg Elders

Elizabeth H. Wood, being present was received into the Church of Salem on Proffession of her Faith.

Closed with Prayer.

S. Gregg Clk.

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Members of the Church of Salem September 12th 1871

Martha Wood
 Deceased Silas Gregg and wife left for Colorado without Letters in 1886
 Deceased Lydia Sheffield Died Dec. 29 1887 in peace
 Deceased Edmond Sheffield Died Nov. 22 1886 In the 86th year of age
 Trusting in the Lord Jesus
 Deceased Josephus Gregg. Died July 12 1887 age 91(?) in peace. (77)
 Sevier Gregg
 x Levisa S. Cass deceased
 Elizabeth Campbell
 Anamias Freeman deceased
 x Cristina Russel --Deceased
 Nuten Campbell
 x John F. Campbell--Dismissed by Letter to Lone Tree Nebraska.
 x George C. Gregg Dismissed
 Lydia R. Mutchler
 x Charles S. Humphrey Deceased
 Fanny Campbell
 x Matilda Campbell Dismissed By Letter to Lone Tree Nebraska
 x Augustine Humphrey Dismissed By Letter Sept. 6/73
 x George Kenworthy Dismissed
 Sarah Atwell ----- Baptised Sept. 6/73
 Taylor Atwell^{3/4} ----- Baptised Sept 6/73
 Caroline E. Hipsley Baptised August 22/75
 (13) Elizabeth H Wood

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Members of the Church of Salem Sept 19th 1882

Martha Wood dismissed by Letter to the M.E. Church
 (red letters)
 Silas Gregg Left for Colorado without Letters with Jane
 his wife (red letters)

x Lydia Sheffield
 Edmond Sheffield Deceased.(red letter
 Josephus Gregg Deceased July 12 1887 Age 77 (Red letters)
 I think it proper to make the above
 statements as the Book is Left in my
 hands and was the Last S. Supply the
 Church had - and there is no one left in
 the Ch h to do so. Spencer Baker.
 (Red Letters).

x Sevier Gregg
 Elizabeth Campbell
 x Nuten Campbell
 x Lydiaia R. Mutchler
 x Fanny Campbell x
 x Margaret I Gregg
 x Caroline E. Hipsley
 13 Elizabeth H. Wood Dismissed by Letter to M. E. Church
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 purple pencil

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Marriages of Members of the Church of Salem Ind.

<u>Names of Parties</u>	<u>Date of Marriage</u>
1. Levi A. Cass. M.D. to Lovisa S Porter daughter of P. A. & E. Porter	Dec 27 1848 at house of P. A. Porter by Rev. J. C. Brown
2. John C. Thompson to Catherine M Camaron daughter of Mrs. M G. Reeve	January 29 1849 at the house of Ezra Reeve by Rev. Daniel Crumpacker.
3. Robert A Cameron M. D. to Jane E. Porter daughter of P. A. & E. Porter	March 27 1849 at the house of P. A. Porter by Rev. J. C. Brown
4. LaCount Lambert to Amanda M Campbell daughter of S. Campbell	March 29 1849 at the house of S. Campbell by Rev. W. Townley.
5 Daniel W. Burgan to Lucy A. Reeve daughter of E & A.L. Reeve	August 1 1852 at the house of J. C. Thompson 's by Rev. C. Homes.
102 6. John N. Thompson Helen F. Beebe Beebe daughter of Mrs. Currence B. Beebe to	Dec 14th 1858 at the house of Mrs. Beebe in Porter County by Rev John N Schultz
7. Thomas McConnell/Harriet M Reeve daughter of Ezra & Maria G. Reeve	Jan. 13th 1859 at the house of Ezra Reeve in Porter County by Rev. John N. Schultz

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Minutes of
Church meetings of the Church of Salem
Church of Salem Porter Co, Ind
Tues. Feb 18th 1845

The church & congregation met according to previous appointment for the purpose of electing five Trustees for one year. Rev. J. C. Brown in the chair. Mr. S. C. Beebe was appointed Secretary

Resolved that we will elect by ballot

An election being held it resulted in the choice of Ezra Reeve, Anson Gregg, Angustine Humphrey, Samuel Campbell, John Moore.

Adjourned with prayer

Saml C. Beebe Sec.

Contributions

Objects

Time

1860

Amounts

Jan	Board of Foreign Missions	.92
"	Board of Dom. Missions	.93
Feb.	Contingent fund	<u>1.20</u>
April	" "	1.70
"	Commissioners fund	2.00
1861/1862	Minutes of the assentt.	
	Minutes of the assentt.	1.50
Oct. 17th	Church extension	4.00
	Church lamps	8.00
	Communion Service	7.25
	To brethern for preaching	5.00
	For oil & wine - for the year	2.00
	For carpet	1.50
Oct 28	For Church expenses	4.20
1861	for oil and wine for the year	1.00

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Contributions

Nov. 20		
1871	Home Missions	2.00
April 6		
1872	Commissions Fund	2.30
March		
28/73	Bible Cause	2.00
	Home Missions	5.00
	General Assembly	1.80
	Collection taken up for	
June	Church purposes	\$ 3.61
1/73		
Sept 6/73		
Sept 21/73	<u>Collection for Home Missions</u>	2.10
	April 19th / 74	
	Contribution taken up for Church pruposes	2.25
	July 12th /74	
	Collection taken up for Church purposes	1.80
	Collection taken up for Home Missions	
	Nov 15th /74	5.00

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~~1861/1862/1863~~

1860

No

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~~1861/1862/1863~~ Reeve

Contributions

Collection for Home Missions

March 21/75 3.00

August 22 /75

Collections for Church purposes

2.36

April 1 77

Collection for Assembly

1.33

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Infant Baptisms

Sallie A. Mutchler

Mary E. Boyle

Lydia E. Campbell

Samuel N Campbell

John S. Campbell

Hannah J. Mutchler

Samuel E. Campbell

Etta V. Campbell

Nancy T. Campbell

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Nov 20 1870 Bap by Rev. Beer

Nov 20 1870 " " "

Nov 20 1870 " " "

Sept 6 1873 " " Rev S Baker

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Annual Report of the Church of Salem
to the Lake Presbytery

Ending April 9th 1849 Report for year ending Apr. 150			
Added by.		Added by examination	1
		total in communion	37
On examination	0	Infant baptism	1
" Certificate	0	Adults	1
Total in communion 37			
Adults baptised	0	Foreign Missions	\$3.00
Infant baptism	1	Miscellaneous	70.00
Bal	For Missions	3.00	
"	Dom "	0.00	Ezra Reeve
"	Ecl	0.00	Clerk of Session
"	Publ.	0.00	

Reports to Lake Presbytery Continued

Year ending April 1 1851
 Added on examination 3
 Added on Certificate 6
 Total in Communion 39
 Families 28
 Domestic Missions 2.00
 Foreign : 3.00
 Education 1.00
 Congregational 100.00
 Ezra Reeve Clerk

Year ending Apr. 1st 1852
 Total 39
 Infant baptized 1
 Families 28
 Domestic Missions 4.00
 Foreign " 4.0
 Presbyterial 3.00
 Congregation 200.00
 Ezra Reeve Clerk

Year Ending Apr. 1 1853
 Added on Examination 0
 on certificate 0
 Total in Communion 32
 Family 16
 Domestic Mission 0
 Foreign " 0
 Education 0
 Congregational \$93.85
 Money by Labor on Church yard
 and Church 50.00
 Asa G. Carmon
 Clerk

Year ending Apr. 1 1854
 Added by Certificate 3
 " " Examination 7
 Total in Communion 39
 Adult Baptism 4
 Infant 5
 For Missions \$ 1.00
 Domestic " 2.00
 Education 4.00
 Bible Society 6.00
 Presbyterial 2.50
 Congregational 90.00
 Ezra Reeve Clerk

Reports to Lake Pres. Contin d

Year ending Apr. 1855
 Years examination 8
 certificate 1
 total 45
 Adult Bapt. 5
 Infant 1
 Families 30
 Domestic Miss. 3.00
 Foreign " 8.00
 Education 3.00
 Presbyterial 3.00
 Congregational 60.00
 E. Clerk of Sessions

Year ending April 1st 1860
 on examination 15
 Total in communion 39
 Infant Baptism 6
 Families 21
 Foreign Missions .92
 Home Missions .93
 Congregational 30.20
~~Dismissed~~
 Dismissed 1
 1st Quarter Salary paid
 Ezra Reeve Clerk

Year ending April 1861
 On examination 3
 " certificate 2
 Adults Baptized (2) 13
 Dismissed 9
 Suspended 3
 Infants baptized 9
 Total in communion 44
 Board of Foreign Missions 0
 " " D " 0
 " Education 0
 " Ch Extension 4.00
 Contingent fund 2.00

Congregational 31.00
 Presbyterial 3.00
 Salary 89.00
 Total \$126.99
 Year ending April 1866
 On examination 5
 " Certificate 3
 Total in Com 23
 Adults Bap 2
 Infants " 1
 Child in S.S. 20
 Domestic Miss 2.75

Reports to Lake Pres Continued

Foreign Miss	0
Education	0
Publications	1.70
Ch. Ex.	0
Disabled Min.	0
Congre	100.00
Miscel.	70.00

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Adult Baptisms in this Church

No.	Name	by whom baptized	Date
1.	Sarah Young	Rev. W. Townley	March 7.1847
2	Amanda Malvina Campbell	"	"
3	Silas Gregg	"	" 13 "
4	Matilda Gregg	"	" " "
5.	Lydia Sheffield	"	" " "
6.	Catharine Young	"	" " "
7.	Edmond Sheffield	"	" " "
8.	Alexander Young	"	" " "
9	Margaret Jane Campbell	"	April 19 "
10.	Josephus Gregg	"	" " "
11.	Sevier Gregg	"	" " "
12	Elisabeth Campbell	Rev. J. C. Brown	Feb. 24 1850
13.	Elvira Sheffield	"	" 7/54
14.	Deborah Ann Hollet	"	" " "
15	Newton Jasper Campbell	"	" " "
16	La Count Lambert	"	"
17	Currence Carmon	"	Jan.16/55
18	Mary Guernsey	"	" " "
19.	Caroline Carmon	"	April 6/"
20	Thomas Josiah Hollet	"	"
21	Asabel Gregg Carmon	"	"

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Adults Baptisms in this Church

No.	Name	by whom	Date
			1860
22	Daniel M. Burgan.	J. L. Lower	March 31st
23	Thomas A. Hollet	"	" "
24	John E. Hollet	"	" "
25	Mary E. Hollet	"	" "
26.	John F. Campbell	"	" "
27	Sarah J. Gilchrist	"	" "
28	Stella McCollom	"	" "
29	Electa A. Hughes.	"	" "
30	Lydia R. Mutchler	"	" "
31.	Margaret Thatcher	"	" "
32	Olive A. Stock	"	" "
33.	Rebecca J. Burwell	"	" "
34	Nancy Tannihill	"	July 15th
35	Fanney Campbell	R. C. McKinney	Feb 19th 65
36	Nancy Dunn	"	May 28 "

Infant Baptisms into the Presbyterian Church of Salem Porter County Ind.

No.	Names of Children	By whom presented	Time of birth	Time of Baptism	Remarks
1.	Orlando Beebe	Samuel & Currence Beebe	Sept. 25 1843	Sept. 8 1844	
2.	Harriet Elisabeth Woodbridge	Geo. A & Jane M. Woodbridge	April 24. 1845	Nov. 28 1845	Died Oct. 9th 1847
3.	Julia Ann Roe	Do Do Do	Dec. 1836	Do Do	Adopted by Mr. & Mrs. Woodbridge
4.	William Darwin Perkins	John D. & Lucy Perkins	Dec. 22. 1846	March 13 : 1847	
5.	Saml. black Deebe	Currence Beebe	Sept. 27 : 1846	April 19: 1847	
6.	Mary L. Reeve daughter of George	of Ezra & Maria Reeve born April 5 1898	Baptized on L. Island Rev. J. S. Moser April 1838 Died at Lea Ia. Oct 26: 1847		
7.	Gregg, (George)	Josephus & Sevier Gregg	December 17: 1847	January 1849	
8.	Ovilla Gregg	By parents S & M. Gregg	Sept 10th 1846		
9.	Emma Gregg	" "	July 21 1848		
10.	Louisa A. Gregg	" J&S Gregg	Sept. 16 1849		
11.	William Y Gregg	" S&M. Gregg	April 15 =1850	Feb 9th 1851	
12.	Samuel John Woodbridge	" G.A.&J.M. Woodbridge		" "	
13.	Caroline Helean Fisher	" J.J. & I.E. Fisher		Feb. 21: 1852	
14.	Ada Bartlett Cameron	" R.A.&J.E. Cameron	December 31 1850	May 22: 1853	
15.	Warren C. Gregg/	by Parents A&M.J. Morris S.		Sep. 1853	
16.	Hannah M. Gregg	" J.&S. Gregg	Oct. 16: 1851	Dec. 10th "	
17.	Lydia E. Gregg	" "	May 14 1853	Dec "	
18.	Charles J. Gregg	" S&M Gregg	April 9 1853	Dec. 13th 1853 (3)	
19.	Almeda Mackey	" J&S. Gregg		April 4th 1855	
20.	Andrew Gerber	" Mackey		Aug 23rd 1856	
21.	James A. Gregg.	" D&R Gerber	Sept 27: 1857	Sept 27 1857	
		" S& M Gregg	November 24 1855	Sept. 27: 1857	
			Sept 27: 1857		

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Name of Subjects	Parents & Sponsors	Time of birth	Time of Baptisms
22 William H. Gregg	Josephus and	May 22nd 1857	Dec. 19th 1857
23 Clara Cecilia &	Sophia Gregg		
24 Albert Alexander	Alexander and	July 5 1854	" "
Cummings	Emily Cummings	Sept. 7 1856	" "

25	Ida Luella &	Lucy A. Burgan &	July 28th 1856	Jan 7th 1860	Bap ^d by J. L. Lower
26	Abby Marie	Ezra Reeve Sponsor	May 12th 1859	" "	" "
27	<u>Burgan</u>				" "
28					" "
29	Ella Lavina Cummings	Alex & Emily Cummings	Dec. 12th 1858	March 3rd 1860	Bap ^d by J. L. Lower
30	John Franklin McCollom)		Feb 22nd 1857	April 29th 1860	" "
31	Susan E. McCollom)	Stella McCollom	Sept 19th 1859	" "	" "
32	Willis G. Hughes	Electa A Hughes	Feb. 20th 1855	" "	" "
33	James B. Gregg	Josephus & Savire Gregg	Oct. 17th 1859	" "	" "
34	Theodore Gilchrist	Daniel & Sarah J. Gilchrist	July 21st 1858	" "	" "
35	Cornelius Gerber	Daniel & Rebecca Gerber	April 25th 1860	July 15th 1860	Bapt. by J. L. Lower
36	Edmund L. Mutchler)		July 1856	" "	" "
37	Mary F. Mutchler)	Lydia Muthhler	May 1859	" "	" "
38	Nancy A. Burgan	Daniel & Lucy Burgan	//////62	May 18th 1862	Bap ^d by H. A. Humphry
39	Ellen S. Gregg	Josephus & Sevlah Gregg	Nov 13th 1861	Aug. 23rd 1862	Bap by H. A. Humphry
40	Rosa Arminta Humphry	Ch. S. & P. E. Humphrey		May 28th 1865	" by R. C. McKinney

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Roll of the members of the Presbyterian Church of Salem Porter County Indiana					
No	Names	How admitted	When	Remarks	
1	Ezra Reeve	By letter from Church of Valparaiso	Sept 7 1844	Dismissed to the Prby.ch. Valparaiso May 2. 1861	
2	Charles Gregg	"	"	Deceased Dec 5 1852	
3.	Deborah Gregg	"	"	Deceased Dec. 7 1845 Consumption	
4	Samuel C. Beebe	"	"	"Sept 22 1846 Fever	
5	Currence Beebe	"	"	Deceased	
6	Isaac Sweeny	"	"	Dismissed to Crown Point Aug 19 /1849	
7	Augustine Humphrey	"	"	"	
8.	Harriet A. Humphrey	"	"	"	
9	John Moore	"	"	Deceased Feb'46 disease complicated	
10	Maria J. Reeve	From the Methodist Ep Church	"	Dismissed to the Pby Ch Valparaiso May 12 1861	
11	Sarah J. Gregg	By letter from Church Micklenbury N.Y.	Dec. 19	Dismissed to Valparaiso	
12	Mary Sargeant	On examination	"	Deceased Feb 1846 Lung fever	

No.	Names	How admitted On examination	Ch of Salem	Continued	When	Remarks
13	Geo. A. Woodridge	By letter from Iowa City			Dec. 19 1844	Dismissed to Crown Point
14	Jane M. Woodbridge	"	"Bethlehem		"	"
15	Elizabeth Sweeny	On examination			March 23 1845	Deceased
16	Catharine Souls	B	"		March 7 1847	
17	Sarah Young	B.	"		"	Deceased
18	Amanda M. Campbell	B.	"		"	(April 29th 1860 wife of Lacount (Lambert Dismissed to the Pby Ch (of Nebraska City
19	Silas Gregg 1	B.	"		" 13	
20	Matilda Gregg 1	B.	"		"	
21	Charles A. Gregg	"	"		"	Dismissed to Valparaiso
22	Jno D. Perkins	"	"		"	Dismissed Oct 31: 1847

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No.	Names	How	Admitted 1847	dis missed	Suspended	Excommunicated	Died	General Remarks
23	Lucy Ann Reeve 1	Ex.	March 7: 47					Wife of J. M. Borgan
24	Abbey Jane Reeve	"	"				Nov. 8 1847	In the triumph of Faith
25	Lydia Sheffield 1	"	" 13	B	Died Dec. 29 1888			
26	Catharine Cameron 1	"	"		Dec. 18 59 to the Pby Ch of Valparaiso			Wife of John C. Thompson
27	Edwin Beebe 1	"	"					Excommunicated (in pencil)
28	Henry A. Humphrey	"	"					
29	George W Humphry	"	"					
30	Catherine Young 1	"	"					Dismissed to join Ch of C Point Aug 19 1849
31	Robert A. Cameron	"	"	B	(Catherine Young wife of Fielder Williams (CY) "			"
32	Alexander Young	"	"		Robert Cameron dismissed to Valparaiso Feb 21 1854 (R./G.)			
33	Edmond Sheffield 1	"	"	B	Alexander Young Dismissed to Nevada City Cal. Dec 30 1853 (A.Y)			
34	Anson Gregg	Cer	"	B	Died Sept 2 1886			Dismissed to Valparaiso
35	Robert Young	Ex	April 19					
36	Margaret Jane Campbell	"	"	B				
37	Lucy F. Perkins	Cer	July 18 1846/Oct. 31 1847					Dismissed Oct. 31 1847 to
38	Josephus Gregg 1	Ex	July 11 1847		Died July 12 1887			

General Remarks

Dismissed Suspended Excommunicated Died

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Roll of Presbyterian Church of Salem

General Remarks

Deceased

John Brewer Cer Oct. 31 1847

Mrs. Elisabeth Campbell B Feb 24 1850

Mrs. Sarah M. James Cer Dec. 1849

Miss Sophronia M. Lakin Cer Oct 20 1850

Mrs. Polly Hill 1 Cer Oct 20 1850

Mr. John J. Fisher Ex Feb 8 1851

Mrs. Elisabeth Fisher Ex " "

Miss Nancy Schull " " "

Mr. Gideon Brecount Cer Feb. 9 1851)

Mrs. Jane Brecount " " ")

Miss Sarah Jane Brecount " " ")

Mr. Anamias Freeman Cer Nov. 28 1852

Mrs. Christina Russell " Dec. 10 1853

Mr. Jeremy Hixon U " "

Mrs. Almira Hixon his wife " "

Mrs. Christina Guernsey Ex Feb 7 1854

Mrs. Elmira Sheffield B Feb 7 1854

Mrs. Deborah A. Hollitt B " "

Miss Harriet M. Reeve - March 3 1860

Miss Veashti Hixon - , " "

Mr. Newton Campbell B " "

Mr. Lacount Lambert B " "

April 29th 1860 Dismissed to the Pby Ch Nebraska City

Dismissed to the Pby Ch of Valparaiso Feb 25 1854

" " " "

" " " "

Wife of Dr. L. A. Cass

Dismissed to unite with the Pby Ch of Hebron Oct 27, 1860

Deceased (in pencil)

Deceased July 1857

Dismissed (in pencil)

Dismissed to join Presbyterian Church in Valparaiso

Dead

Deceased

Dismissed to Valparaiso

Dismissed to the Pby Ch of Valparaiso Wife of Thomas McConnel

Names	How Admitted	3	Aug. 19 1854	Dismissed
Mr. Daniel Gerber	B. Certf from Gen Ref. Ch.	3	Aug. 19 1854	Dismissed
Miss Currence Carman	On Examination		January 16 1855	Dismissed to the M. E. Church Princeton Wisconsin March 29/67
Miss Mary Guernsey	"		April 6	" Wife of J. McCoy Gone to Cal
Caroline Carman	"		April 6	" Deceased
Helen S. Beebe	(Dismissed to the Pby Ch of Valparaiso	May 4 1861)	April 6 1855	Wife of John Thompson
Elizabeth Fisher	"	"	"	" Wife of Pumroy Williams Suspended
Mr. Arahel G. Carmen	"	"	"	" Deceased
Mr. John N. Thompson	"	"	"	" Deceased
Thomas J. Hollet	"	"	"	"
Mr. Wm. Mackey	"	August 23 1856)	Dismissed to the Pby Ch of	
Mrs Mackey	Church of Belfontaine 0	"	")Hebron 27 1860
Mrs. Eliza McAlpine 2nd	" " Pittsburgh	March 31, /57	Dismissed Feb 1859 to	
M. William McAlpine	On Examination	"	"	Pres Church of
Miss Jeannie McAlpine	"	"	"	Pittsburgh
Miss Rebecca Gerber	General Ref Ch of Youngs. Pa	"	"	Deceased
Mr. Alexander Cummings)	Pres Ch. Frankfort	Dec. 19/1857	Dismissed to Phaladelphia	
Mrs. Emily Cummings)	" " Pa	"	"	"

No	Names	Roll Continued	1860	How Admitted	Dismissed	Suspended	Ex.	Died	General Remarks
83	Daniel M. Burgan		Ex March 31	B				Dismissed	
84	Thomas A. Hollet		Ex "	B					
85	John E. Hollet		" "	B					
86	Miss Mary A. Hollet		" "	B				Dismissed	
87	Orlando R. Beebe		" "						
88	John F. Campbell		" "	B					
89	Charles Stewart		" "						
90	Daniel Gilchrist		" "						
91	Mrs. Sarah J. Gilchrist		" "	B	Feb. 11/70			Dismissed to unite with church Crescen City, Ill.	
92	George C. Gregg		" "		Feb. 11/70				

No.	Names	How	Admitted	dismissed	Suspended	Ex.	General Remarks
93	Mrs. Stella M'Collom	Ex	March 31st	B Oct. 27, 1860			Died Dismissed To unite with the Phy Ch of Hebron
94	" Electa A. Hughes	"	"	B			
95	" Lidia R. Mutchler	"	"				
96	Miss Margaret Thatcher	"	"	B			Joined the Methodist Church without dismission
97	" Olive A. Stock	"	"	B			ABsconded.
98	Amos A. Burwell	"	April 28	Oct 27/1860			Dismissed To unite with the Pby Church of Hebron
99	Mrs. Rebekca J. Burwell	"	"	B	"	"	"
100	Mr. Gideon Bucourt	Cer	July 14th	"	"	"	"
101	Mrs. Rebecca J. Bucourt	"	"	"	"	"	"
102	" Nancy Tannihill	Ex	July 15 B.	"	"	"	"
103	Henry A. Nichols						
104	Phebe Nichols		April 9th	"	"	"	Dismissed to Unite with the Church of Valparaiso.
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105	Charles P. Bell.				10		
106	Cathrine Bell						
107	Matilda Campbell		Nov 20 1870				
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Sept	" " "						
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	members.						

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At Valparaíso Tuesday at 7 oclock Suceeding Fri 3rd Thursday of Oct.

Voted by Spencer Baker - farmer

Jany 9th 1888) S S

All that Remains of the Church at this date are five

Newton Campbell and wife

Mrs. Fanny Campbell

Mrs. Lydia Muchler

Mrs. Sophia Gregg

Mrs. Charles Hipsley

At the following meetings of the Session Sept 27 Decem. 19--57 March 27/58
 At these times, it does not appear that Session was opened with prayer - that
 of Decem 19 - was neither opened nor closed with prayer. It appears that the
 Session at these times afore mentoned ----- ---- was moderated by a
 person who was neither a member of this church or presbytery.

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Note

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 grind the planes to plane the planks for the first Salem Church.

Horse Prairie was so called because of the following

Some wagon trains going west camped there one night and when ready to move
 on in the morning were unable to capture some of their horses. They were forced
 to leave them and the horses ran wild for months afterward - Hence the name
 "Horse Praire."

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